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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady at best in the East, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to no better than fair with few features present. Food service covered the full range, but was best into fast food for promotions. In the Detroit area, deliveries and movement of product were still difficult as a result of the power outage from last week. Supplies were usually sufficient with smaller sizes in the East closer balanced. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with caution noted. Supplies of breast items increased, ranging adequate to ample for boneless skinless. Wings were adequate to short, and dark meat was mixed, but in a strong position in the East. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 68.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.25 cents last year on August 21, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.00
BREASTS - B/S	209.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	106.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	76.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was slow to moderate with light trading, which is not unusual this time of the month, but expected to improve with Labor Day approaching. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in the best position with supplies adequate to close balanced. The remaining items were mixed, but overall available if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light as re-orders were slow and selective. Offerings of 3 pound and heavier birds were available at competitive levels and the lighter weights were in a balanced position. Retail and distributive movement was disappointing even for mid-week activity. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, breasts items increased in availability, wings were slightly more available but clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were reported in a good workable position.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs light to moderate for a like trade interest. Detroit continued to struggle with deliveries and movement of product. Retail demand was generally light overall. Retail features noted on whole fryers at 59 cents, roasters at 99 cents, boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.99 and \$2.00, and leg quarters at 69 cents. Food service movement was light to moderate for the most part, instances fairly good into some fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were desirable. Trade interest on parts items was very light and cautious with wings receiving the best interest. Supplies of wings remained limited to short, boneless/skinless breasts fully adequate to ample with remaining items sufficient for immediate trade needs. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, barely steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts, and mostly steady on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Retail demand was good for parts and whole body product where store features and fast food specials were in progress, elsewhere moderate. Floor stocks generally adequate to cover trade needs.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 08/16/03	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	205,238	206,097	0
CHICKS PLACED	169,222	168,271	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 16, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 16, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 16, 2003 were 5.55 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.83 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 20, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	894	173.00-240.00	175-179	181.72
TENDERLOINS	230	147.00-215.00	149-152	157.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	93.00-115.00	96-98	100.87
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	90	31.00-50.00	31-33	34.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	659	27.00-29.00	27-28	27.82
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	27.00-34.00	29-30	29.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	85	70.00-79.00	-	72.47
WINGS (CUT)	472	80.00-88.00	80-85	83.36
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	899	167.00-240.00	172-175	175.38
TENDERLOINS	225	147.00-216.00	147-150	157.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	92.00-116.00	92-96	99.85
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	29.00-50.00	30-32	32.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,140	28.00-32.00	28-30	29.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	2,065	70.00-81.00	-	80.67
WINGS (CUT)	498	80.00-88.00	80-85	83.39
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	72	61.00-88.00	-	69.11

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
53.50 - 59.00	56.01

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 59.00	56.50	56.25

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was at best fair as traders try to find outlets for increased availability of breast product. Offering of boneless-skinless breasts and breast were increasingly available and reported as fully sufficient. Wings were adequate but clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were in the best position with thigh meat moving very well. Overall, movement through retail and distributive channels slowed for mid-week business. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and about steady to steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **AUGUST 19, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180-185	182.31	619,990
TENDERLOINS	145	142.81	211,650
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	91.24	250,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	87.29	159,680
LEGS	37-38	35.82	270,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.53	437,026
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	36.35	131,240
THIGHS	26-27	30.97	96,650
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.71	95,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	73.62	219,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.44	33,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.80	16,245
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	43.73	27,610

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180-185	180.07	549,240
TENDERLOINS	145	145.80	123,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	90.28	238,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	85.62	184,920
LEGS	37-38	36.99	242,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.78	360,229
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	35.81	129,200
THIGHS	26-27	38.41	70,960
B/S THIGHS	69-70	75.09	91,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	76.86	209,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.86	37,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	22.35	35,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	43.94	24,120

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/20	08/19	08/18	08/18	08/15
ALA	3,971	4,102	4,039	4,415	5.12
ARK	5,356	5,346	5,251	5,440	4.99
DELMARVA	2,319	2,273	2,223	2,272	5.41
KY-LA-TN	1,964	1,978	1,966	1,935	4.94
MISS	3,064	3,061	3,019	3,031	5.36
NC	2,565	2,600	2,596	2,659	6.11
TEXAS	2,492	2,492	2,413	2,767	5.00
TOTAL	21,731	21,852	21,507	22,507	5.24
MON-WED 65,566(A)					5.07
					21,286
					5.29
					64,412(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 8/20 is estimated to be 32,512,000 up 1.8 percent from a week ago and up 2.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,942,000; last year 31,588,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 100-103
	DRY PACK 107-109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-105
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK -
DUCKS	155-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-AUG-03

CW: 08/23/03(1)

PW: 08/16/03

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	164,090 (2)	166,729
LT HENS	1,369	1,226
HVY HENS	1,592	1,534
CHECK TOTAL	167,051	169,489

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Aug-03 is 160.3 million head compared to 162.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.4 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Aug-03 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/18/03	217,524	59,015
AM 08/01/03	217,186	59,026
CHG	338	-11
PCT CHG	0	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	8/18/03	8/11/03	8/19/02	8/18/03	8/11/03	8/19/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	15,726	15,718	30,619	7,292	7,409	5,344
LOS ANGELES	138	138	1,172	2,864	2,980	3,693

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2003

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 58-63
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 59-67

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ POULTRY AUCTION**FOR 8/19/03**

Prices paid per pound, except as noted. All papers required to sell all out of state poultry.

	RANGE	AVG
Heavy Fowl	.30 - 1.25	.50
Heavy Fowl	- 4.00ea.	-
Light Fowl	- 1.50ea.	-
Mixed Fowl	.40 - .70	.58
Mixed Fowl	- .50ea.	-
Bantams	1.00 - 3.00ea.	-
Broilers	.40 - .45	.41
Broilers	1.00 - 1.10ea.	-
Chicks	.05 - 1.00ea.	-
Pullets	2.25 - 8.25ea.	-
Bunnies	.25 - 2.25ea.	-
Roosters	.60 - 1.40	.94
Roosters	.90 - 2.75ea.	-
Geese	- .35	-
Geese	- 4.00ea.	-
Turkeys	- .35	-
Turkeys	2.00 - 2.75ea.	-
Ducks	.60 - 1.30	.86
Ducks	2.00 - 5.50ea.	-
Rabbits	.40 - 1.20	.84
Rabbits	1.00 - 3.00ea.	-
Pigeons	.50 - 2.50ea.	-
Guinea Fowl	- 11.00ea.	-
Ducklings	- 1.00ea.	-

Total Coops Sold 179

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 15, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/Thighs	Necks, Back & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	54.21	118.59	76.24	8.47	12.71	57.18
High	59.30	127.06	84.71	16.94	16.94	57.18
Mostly	56.33	127.06	84.71	12.71	16.94	57.18

SAN JUAN

Low	53.79	118.59	76.24	8.47	12.71	57.18
High	58.03	127.06	84.71	12.71	16.94	57.18
Mostly	56.33	118.59	76.24	8.47	12.71	57.18

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	53.79	118.59	76.24	8.47	12.71	55.06
High	58.03	127.06	84.71	16.94	16.94	55.06
Mostly	56.33	118.59	76.24	12.71	12.71	55.06

BECERRA

Low	54.21	118.59	76.24	8.47	12.71	57.18
High	58.45	127.06	84.71	12.71	16.94	57.18
Mostly	56.76	127.06	76.24	12.71	16.94	57.18

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and about as expected for midweek trading. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 58 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate at some points tight at others. Boneless skinless breasts were available. Leg items were about adequate. Other items were adequate to at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	55-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.25
NO. OF BOXES	7,287

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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